

RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF  
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

FOIA 2017-0256

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FINAL

## REQUESTER:

Julian Tarver

## DATE:

02/10/2017

## DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED RECORDS:

Copy of most current Agency-wide Communications Plan; org chart, showing current Director of Communications; org chart, purpose, and staff list of NRC chartered High Level Waste (HLW) Information Support Program executive steering committee.

## PART I. - INFORMATION RELEASED

- ☐ Agency records subject to the request are already available in public ADAMS or on microfiche in the NRC Public Document Room.
- ☐ Agency records subject to the request are enclosed.
- ☐ Records subject to the request that contain information originated by or of interest to another Federal agency have been referred to that agency (see comments section) for a disclosure determination and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are continuing to process your request.
- ☒ See Comments.

## PART I.A - FEES

AMOUNT\*

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\*See Comments for details

- ☐ You will be billed by NRC for the amount listed.
- ☒ None. Minimum fee threshold not met.
- ☐ You will receive a refund for the amount listed.
- ☐ Fees waived.

## PART I.B - INFORMATION NOT LOCATED OR WITHHELD FROM DISCLOSURE

- ☒ We did not locate any agency records responsive to your request. *Note:* Agencies may treat three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records as not subject to the FOIA ("exclusions"). 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This is a standard notification given to all requesters; it should not be taken to mean that any excluded records do, or do not, exist.
- ☐ We have withheld certain information pursuant to the FOIA exemptions described, and for the reasons stated, in Part II:
- ☐ Because this is an interim response to your request, you may not appeal at this time. We will notify you of your right to appeal any of the responses we have issued in response to your request when we issue our final determination.
- ☒ You may appeal this final determination within 30 calendar days of the date of this response by sending a letter or email to the FOIA Officer, at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, or [FOIA.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:FOIA.Resource@nrc.gov). Please be sure to include on your letter or email that it is a "FOIA Appeal."

## PART I.C COMMENTS ( Use attached Comments continuation page if required)

In conformance with the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, the NRC is informing you that: (1) you have the right to seek assistance from the NRC's FOIA Public Liaison; (2) you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the NRC's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services; and (3) notwithstanding the language in Parts I.B and II.B of this form, you may appeal this final determination within 90 calendar days of the date of this response by sending a letter or email to the FOIA Officer, at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, or [FOIA.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:FOIA.Resource@nrc.gov). Please be sure to include on your letter or email that it is a "FOIA Appeal."

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SIGNATURE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OFFICER

Stephanie Blaney

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**PART I.C COMMENTS (Continued)**

The NRC does not have a Communication Plan for the agency as a whole. The position of Director of Communications no longer exists at the NRC. The NRC Chartered HLW information Support Program Executive Steering Committee was not set up as a formal committee and does not exist.

Dear FOIA Requester:

The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, which was enacted on June 30, 2016, made several changes to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Federal agencies must revise their FOIA regulations to reflect those changes by December 27, 2016. In addition to revising our regulations, we intend to update the Form 464, which we use to respond to FOIA requests.

In the interim, please see the comment box in Part I.C of the attached Form 464. The comment box includes information related to the recent changes to FOIA that is applicable to your FOIA request, including an updated time period for filing an administrative appeal with the NRC.

Sincerely yours,

*Stephanie Blaney /S/*

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FOIA Officer